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RE: Medtronic Docket: P-8792.05
Serial No. 10/612,082
Applicants: Zilla, et al.
Filed: July 2, 2003
Title: Foam-Type Vascular Prosthesis with Well-Defined Anglo-
Permissive Open Porosity
Examiner: Truong, Kevin Thao
Group Art Unit: 3731

Attached please find the following documents:

- Response and Amendment Transmittal
- Response and Amendment

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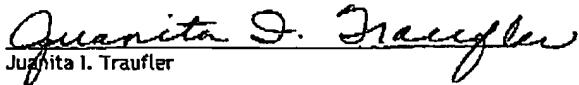
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Sir:

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Multiple Dependent Claims	No			+ 360	\$
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Response and Amendment are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2006.

A complete listing of the pending claims begins on page 2 of this Response and Amendment. Remarks begin on page 4.